



SOUTH DAKOTA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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REQUEST FOR FUNDING (Competitive)

Date Issued: January 25, 2007
Proposals Due: April 2, 2007

The South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds in accordance with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act).

PRIORITY AREA:

- ◇ Employment

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT(S):

- ◇ Interested individuals, agencies or organizations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- ◇ The Council's State Plan goal states that people with developmental disabilities have a variety of employment options. Objectives include:
- ◇ Training on employment topics (such as supported and self-employment) and systems advocacy related to employment will be provided to direct care/support staff and people with developmental disabilities and their families.
- ◇ Training and information on employment topics (such as self-employment, incentives for hiring people with disabilities, & replication of programs like the Business Leadership Network) will be provided to potential or current employers of people with developmental disabilities.
- ◇ People with developmental disabilities will be provided information and/or assistance with self-employment.
- ◇ The Council will pursue collaborative activities (specifically in the areas of transition from school to work/competitive employment).

PURPOSE:

- ◇ The Council is looking for innovative and creative employment projects that further the goal and objectives listed above.
- ◇ The Council is specifically looking for projects that address one or more of the following: 1) providing information to employers, 2) mentoring for people with developmental disabilities as well as professionals who provide services such as Job Coaching and Job Development, 3) development of a method for collecting and disseminating current employment activities of community based providers (example: technology based work)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- ◇ The project(s) funds must be used for the above stated purpose only.
- ◇ Projects must show collaboration with the Division of Rehabilitation Services and local employment agencies (to avoid any duplication of effort or services).
- ◇ Projects must benefit people with developmental disabilities and/or their families.
- ◇ Project applications must utilize forms and follow the format provided in the grant application packet.

FUNDING:

- ◇ Federal funds available will be dependent on the quality and number of proposals accepted. Project costs must be reasonable when compared to the outcomes and activities.
- ◇ Projects should be completed between June 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008.
- ◇ A maximum of 75% of the costs approved for the project can be provided by the Council.
- ◇ Grantees must provide at least 25% matching non-federal funds. The non-federal share of the cost of the project may be provided in-kind.
- ◇ The Council is not liable for any costs incurred by the applicant prior to issuance of a legally executed contract or procurement document. Further, no proprietary interest of any nature shall occur until a contract is awarded and signed by all concerned parties.
- ◇ Payments of federal funds will be made monthly or quarterly upon approval of proposal and completion of the grant agreement. The final payment will be made after completion of the project and the final report/presentation.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- ◇ Projects receiving funding will be required to provide a quarterly narrative and financial accounting of the project on forms supplied by the Council.
- ◇ Grant Reporting Procedures are included with the grant application packet.
- ◇ In addition, on-site visits may be conducted by Council staff.

CANCELLATION OF REQUEST FOR FUNDING

- ◇ The Council reserves the right to cancel this Request for Funding at any time, without penalty.

ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF PROPOSAL

- ◇ The Council reserves the right to not fund a proposal, to fund at a level different than what was requested or to fund with alterations.

REVIEW PROCESS

- ◇ Project proposals will be reviewed and approved by the Council at their April 2007 meeting.
- ◇ Proposal review will include areas such as: the project narrative, measurable objectives, applicant's qualifications, budget justification, letters of support, and evaluation methodology.
- ◇ Applicants will be offered the opportunity to either appear before the Council or the opportunity to conduct a conference call to present a project summary and respond to questions.
- ◇ *Individual Council members who have questions regarding the proposal may contact applicants prior to the scheduled meeting/presentation.*

Requests for grant applications, as well as questions regarding the proposal submission process should be addressed to: South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hillview Plaza, c/o 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070, (605) 773-6369.

Application materials are available in large print, Braille, and on cassette by request.